

261—24.6(15E) Telecommuter forward certification.

24.6(1) A political subdivision that meets the criteria for broadband forward certification in rule 261—24.5(15E) may apply for telecommuter forward certification. To obtain telecommuter forward certification, a political subdivision shall submit to the authority an application indicating the following:

- a.* The political subdivision's support and commitment to promote the availability of telecommuting options.
- b.* Existing or proposed ordinances encouraging the further development of telecommuting options.
- c.* Efforts to secure local funding for the further development of telecommuting options.
- d.* A single point of contact for coordinating telecommuting opportunities and options.

24.6(2) The single point of contact designated pursuant to paragraph 24.6(1) "d" shall be responsible for all of the following:

- a.* Coordination and partnership with the authority, communications service providers, realtors, economic development professionals, employers, employees, and other telecommuting stakeholders.
- b.* Collaboration with the authority, communications service providers, and employers to identify, develop, and market telecommuter-capable broadband packages available in the political subdivision.
- c.* Promotion of telecommuter-friendly workspaces, such as business incubators with telecommuting spaces, if such a workspace has been established in the political subdivision at the time the political subdivision submits the application.
- d.* Familiarity with broadband mapping tools and other state-level resources.
- e.* Maintaining regular communication with the authority.
- f.* Providing to the political subdivision regular reports regarding the availability of telecommuting options in the political subdivision.

24.6(3) The authority will evaluate whether the applicant demonstrates that its efforts or proposed efforts to further develop and promote the availability of telecommuting will have a sufficient impact that warrants certification.

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